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TROOPS PRAISED BY NORTHCLIFFE

British Editor Paints Word Picture of Americans.

TELLS OF SPLENDID WORK

Delighted at the Proficiency Shown in Bomb Throwing—American Adaptability Has Very Quickly Assimilated Best Points of the British and French Training—Colonel House Shows Excellent Rifle Practice.

Paris.—Viscount Northcliffe has written the following impressions of his visit to the American forces in the field for the Associated Press:

"I saw today the spearhead of the great American army of the future. I had the honor of being invited by General Pershing to accompany General Bliss, Colonel and Mrs. House, Ambassador and Mrs. Sharp, Admiral Benson, Mr. Crosby of the treasury, Mr. Colby, Mr. Cravath, and Mr. Auchincloss in the long round journey from Paris to the American headquarters and the front.

"Our immediate object was a visit to the intensive training camp or finishing school for the war at — (deleted). American planes were circling overhead, indicating our destination, which was also marked by the violent clangs of bursting hand grenades at the bombing school.

"Our procession of American automobiles went straight across the country, ignoring the roads, until we arrived at the crest of a low ravine, where some thousands of the first contingents of the American expeditionary forces are being trained.

"First, we went to an exhibition of rifle practice with landscape targets. It was good shooting, the high average of 75 per cent of hits being reached.

Use Trench Mortar Well.
"Afterward came some very accurate work with a certain trench mortar well-known to the British army. The men have mastered the principles of this very handy gun quickly. Later the spectators, men and women, were delighted at the proficiency of some of the bomb throwers, and noted particularly that the throw is not the base-ball pitch, but a complete overarm semi-circle somewhat resembling overarm cricket bowling.

"We stood well out of the reach of the detaching bombs, and the thrower bent low in the trench after the projection of the missile and until its force and detonation threw up earth and stones in every direction.

"Then came an exhibition of trench fighting, bayonet practice, and a very fine quarter hour of work with the French T-16 (three-inch) at a range of a mile and a half. The target was a small wood and after the first four shots the winners got the range almost every time. The spotting was done by an airplane which hovered overhead and indicated the hits by wireless.

"Colonel House manifested his Texan origin by some excellent rifle practice in the sniping school. Excellent wooden models of enemy snipers are half concealed among rocks and foliage at a distance of some hundreds of yards, and it is the object of the pupils in this part of the war game to draw a sudden bead on an enemy dummy and get it. Many of the Americans are already adepts at sniping.

In Touch With Paris.

"Our party then returned to the railway station, passed the grim guard of honor, and after a new journey arrived at General Pershing's general headquarters, a fine French barracks lately occupied by one of the most distinguished French regiments, which had been refitted, steam heated and electric wired and is in telephone touch with distant Paris and all the various parts of the American army.

"Interesting lectures were given by leading members of General Pershing's staff, showing that American adaptability has very quickly assimilated the best points of the British and French training, arrived at after three and a half years of actual warfare, to which have been added certain American ideas and certain alterations necessary for an army whose home base is thousands of miles on the other side of the Atlantic."

Ninety-nine New Members for Local Red Cross.

The local Red Cross society added to its roll during the membership campaign week, Dec. 23-29, seventy-seven new members and twenty-two renewals making the total enrollment one hundred and fifty-eight members.

The quota for this place was five hundred, and while the workers came short of the goal, yet the number they succeeded in getting was satisfactory



Here is a company of American soldiers after a drill in a picturesque little village in France. The men are at ease, perhaps awaiting the arrival of officers in the automobile in the right background for inspection. There are many such companies drilling daily in places like this. The expeditionary force under Gen. Pershing has been divided in such a way that the various units may become familiar with the country in which they are training. Needless to say, the Americans are in the pink of condition, as the picture clearly shows. These Sammys will soon be going "over the top" after the Kaiser's men. And they'll get them when they start, too.

owing to weather conditions.

One worker who deserved a great deal of credit was Miss Lucile Hardin, of Holt, who with her enthusiastic spirit, canvassed her home village alone and got eleven members.

The Red Cross service flags are conspicuous in a great many of the Cloverport homes, and quite a few of the business houses are proudly displaying them. The workers are hoping that in time, every home and business house will have a Red Cross service flag

Remains Brought to Stephensport.

The remains of Mr. Gid McCoy, a former Breckinridge county man, who died in Oklahoma the middle part of last week, was brought to Stephensport Saturday and buried there in the Hill cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his wife and six children, one son, Mr. Linn McCoy, resides in Cloverport.

STEPHENS-PORT

Wm. G. Hawkins was the guest of relatives in Cloverport Saturday.

Prof. H. A. Ater was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ater, of Irvington, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Crawford, of Tell City, returned Sunday, having been the guest of Mrs. Crawford's mother, Mrs. Emma McKaughan.

Miss Esther Payne and Wilbur Chapin, of Cloverport, were the guests Sunday of Miss Grace T. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rice having been the guests of Mrs. Rice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Hawkins, returned to their home in Hawesville Saturday.

Miss Belva J. French went to Hawesville Saturday where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rice.

Rebus and Ed Gentry, of Mine, La., were guests of their brother, Rev. C. B. Gentry, last week.

Mrs. A. B. Crawford, after spending the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. H. S. English, near Ammons, has returned.

Mrs. A. M. Miller, of Cloverport, was the week end guest of her sister, Mrs. O. L. Lay.

Miss Lester Wegenast, who is attending school at Kingswood, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wegenast.

Quarterly meeting was held at the M. E. church Saturday, Bro. Rushing, of Owensboro, presiding.

The remains of Mr. Gid McCoy, who formerly lived here, was brought from Oklahoma Saturday for burial in the old family graveyard in the country.

No Age Limit to U. S. Guard.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Old soldiers past the age when they are acceptable in line service—men who have at any time served honorably in the army, even those whose last service was during the Spanish war—will be accepted as recruits for the United States guard now being organized to relieve fighting troops on home duty.

Recruiting officers already are enlisting men. Old soldiers, even up to 60 years, will be accepted if they are physically fit for the work. Men of this type should understand that they are sought by the Government. Heretofore no men over forty years old have been accepted at any recruiting office.

When you have finished reading this copy of the Breckenridge News, please hand it on to some one else.

Give it Away. Send it Away but Don't Throw it Away!

WOMAN'S MOBILE HOSPITAL UNIT

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VANGUARD NOW IN FRANCE

Hospital, Equipped With Every Modern Appliance and Staffed Entirely by Women, Even to Electricians, Mechanics and Laboratory Technicians, Will Be Stationed in Devastated Areas of France.

Dr. Caroline Finley is now "over there." She has safely landed in France, is the welcome news which has reached the headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage association. The vanguard of the



Dr. Caroline Finley.

woman's mobile hospital unit is therefore stationed in that "somewhere" which has recently been called "the largest town in France."

As soon as possible, Doctor Finley will cable for her staff. In the meanwhile Dr. Alice Gregory is acting director over here until the unit rejoins its leader in the field.

This is the unit accredited to the New York Infirmary for Women and Children, which was founded by Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, pioneer woman physician and pioneer suffragist. It is backed by the National American Woman Suffrage association, and was formally accepted by the French government in July, after having been offered to the United States, which reluctantly declined it, as women are not eligible to the United States medical reserve corps.

Found the Plumber.

The hospital is to have 100 beds, and, in addition, small flying auxiliary units whose work will be directed from the base by means of ambulances. The hospital, equipped with every modern appliance, will be staffed entirely by women even to its electricians, mechanics, laboratory technicians—yes, and plumbers. But up to recent date no one of the woman plumbers of the vicinity had been free to go. At headquarters, in New York, where the 41 nurses and nurses' assistants are now being rapidly equipped to be ready for Doctor Finley's hurry call, secretaries reported that there were plenty of woman plumbers, but none available for France.

And then one day the unit found the plumber. Before the war she was just one of those natural-born woman geniuses who can mend anything from the coffee urn to the rainwater spout with a turn of her hand and a wire hairpin—but when the war began to

bring out the industrial need of women as artisans, she thought it about time to take a scientific course in the trade she had been carrying on with such tools as "she had in the house," and she joined the hospital unit as a perfect plumber.

Ready for Service.
Dr. Anna van Sholly, in charge of publicity for the unit, declares that



Dr. Alice Gregory.

the unit is now practically prepared and is holding itself ready to depart upon receipt of a telegram.

The hospital will be stationed behind the lines in one of the most devastated areas in France. While it will be at the call of the French war department for the care of the military wounded, its direct objective is to build up the broken down women and children who have suffered from lack of care during the occupation of their towns by war forces.

The four woman doctors in charge of this unit are: Dr. Caroline Finley, Dr. Alice Gregory, Dr. Neary Edwards and Dr. Anna van Sholly.

SNAKE OF RARE BEAUTY

Head Bright as Copper and Body Finely Spotted.

While returning home with an auto party recently when near Bronson, Ky., Will Bradley discovered a large copperhead snake crossing the road in front of his machine.

Steering the machine accordingly, he ran over the snake, which somewhat impeded its progress. He then alighted and killed the snake, which proved to be one of the prettiest specimens of the copper head family ever seen in this part of the state.

Being a female, its head was as bright as burnished copper, while the underneath portion of its body was almost equally bright. Its back and sides were covered with the most beautiful spots, and its fangs, with which it delivered its bite, were extraordinarily long.

GIRL GETS TEN RABBITS

Brought Them Down in the Course of Three Hours.

Miss Mabel Fenstermaker of Salisbury township can lay claim to being one of the most successful gunners in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania.

Her two brothers being off to war, she shouldered her gun, and after beating the fields around her father's home, returned in three hours with the limit of ten rabbits for one day.

She is the only gunner hereabouts who succeeded in getting the law's limit without the aid of a dog. She scorns to shoot at a rabbit found sitting on the ground and always kicks them up to blaze at them while they run.

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